Increasing kerosene quota of Orissa

2922. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the kerosene supply to Orissa is less than the demand of the State;

(b) if so, what is the total demand of that State and the allocation made in 1988; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the allocation to Orissa during 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The kerosene requirements of States and UTs including Orissa are assessed by allowing suitable growth rates over the allocations made in the corresponding period of the previous year, and allocations are made accordingly. Besides the regular allocations, ad hoc releases are also given to meet specific situations like floods, drought, shortage of LPG, etc. The details of allocations and supplies made to Orissa during 1988 are given below:

(figures in tonnes)

Month	Regular allocation	Adhoc allocation	Total allocation	Supplies
January '88	12100	..	12100	11825
February '88	12100	..	12100	10374
March '88	10785	215	11000	11674
April '88	10785	215	11000	11029
May '88	10785	415	11200	10237
June '88	10785	..	10785	9802
July '88	11515	..	11515	11172
August '88	11515	..	11515	12223
September '88	11515	389	11804	12340
October '88	11515	..	11515	13017
November '88	12915	585	13500	12632
December '88	12915	..	12915	13317

The allocation of kerosene to Orissa made in accordance with the existing policy is, by and large, considered adequate to meet the demand of the genuine consumers in the State. The above policy is proposed to be continued during 1989-90.

Shortage of anti T.B. drugs in Rajasthan

2923. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious shortage of anti T.B. Drugs in Bikaner as reported in Times of India of 27th February, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is high incidence of T.B. in Rajasthan and other States in the country and if so, what are the district-wise figures thereof;

(c) what percentage of population there is estimated to be resistance to anti T.B. drug regimen; and

(d) whether Government would provide funds to URMUL and other Voluntary Health Organisations ope-

rating in Rajasthan and elsewhere in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required information to the extent available will be collected from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone facility in Trans Yamuna area

2924. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one exchange of only 5000 lines is working in the North of G. T. Road, Shahdara whereas three exchanges of 30000 lines are working in the South of G. T. Road Shahdara, Delhi-32;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that new telephone connections are not being given here inspite of the announcement made by the General Manager; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government contemplate to release new connections to the applicants of north of G.T. Road, Shahdara?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The capacity of exchanges serving North of G.T. Road and South of G.T. Road, which are now separate exchange areas, is as follows:

(1) North of G.T. Road: 700 lines

(2) South of G.T. Road : 28000 lines

(c) No, Sir. New connections are being released in the area North of G.T. Road progressively.

(d) The Remote line unit (RLU) for North of G.T. Road has recently been expanded by 1000 lines. There is also a programme for installation of a digital electronic exchange of 6000 lines capacity during 1990.

Ban on advertisement of Fonit Insecticides

2925. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the misleading advertisements which appeared in the Times of India' of February 26, 1989 of Fonit insecticide declaring it safe even though it contains a warning of poison on the container; and

(b) whether Government propose to ban all such advertisements as recommended at the recent core-group meeting on pesticides organised by voluntary Health Association of India at New Delhi on 20-21 February, 1989 as reported in the 'Hindu' of 23rd February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There is no pesticide by the name of Fonit in India. We have not found any such advertisement also in the 'Times of India', Delhi Edition, dated 26-2-89.

(b) There is no proposal with the Government for banning advertisements on pesticides.

Central Plan outlay for power sector

2926. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the Central Plan outlay in the power sector for 1989-90;

(b) whether it will be in excess or less in quantity as compared with the outlay of the current financial year 1988-89; and

(c) power needs expected during 1989-90 and how far the outlay planned for that year is expected to meet the years requirement of power?

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